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SOYBEAN INSPECTIONS DROP SHARPLY IN FEBRUARY

Inspected receipts of soybeans in February dropped sharply to a total of 4,374 cars compared with 8,469 cars in January, according to reports to the Department of Agriculture. The average for the month of February for the crop years 1941-45 was 3,802 cars. Inspected receipts for October through February this season were 62,269 cars compared with 65,245 cars for the same period last year.

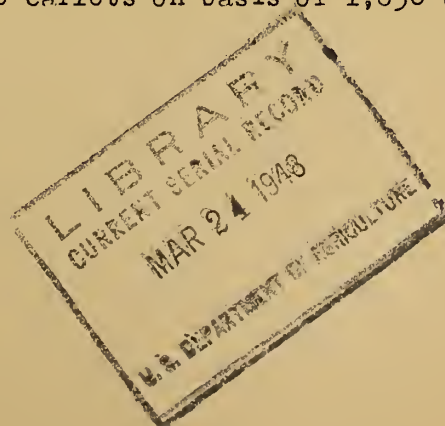
The quality of the soybeans inspected continued good, 85 percent grading No. 2 or better in January and 91 percent in February. Eighty-six percent graded No. 2 or better for October-February this season compared with 69 percent last season.

Inspections of soybeans in February included the equivalent of 33 cars inspected as cargo lots and truck receipts equal to about 23 cars.

Soybeans: Inspected receipts, February 1948, in carlots 1/.

Class	Grade					Total	Total
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Sample	February: 1948	Oct. 1, 1947- Feb. 29, 1948
Yellow	2,489	1,416	256	73	46	4,280	59,370
Green	0	0	0	2	0	2	257
Brown	1	0	0	0	0	1	49
Black	32	41	1	1	0	75	1,006
Mixed	2	6	2	4	2	16	1,587
Total cars	2,524	1,463	259	80	48	4,374	
Percentages	58	33	6	2	1	100	
October-February 1947-1948	Cars: 33,815	19,969	6,141	1,693	651		62,269
	Percentages: 54	32	10	3	1		100
October-February 1946-1947	Cars: 17,361	27,868	15,522	3,929	565		65,245
	Percentages: 26	43	24	6	1		100

1/ Cargo and truck receipts converted to carlots on basis of 1,650 bushels equal 1 carlot.



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1. *Phragmites* (common in the marshes of the lower Mississippi River and in the coastal marshes of the Gulf of Mexico).